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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

EISENBACH ET AL.

Examiner

MISOOK YU, Ph.D.

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 May 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,16,19,21,23,44 and 55-58 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 16 and 55-57 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,19,21,23, 44 and 58 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

The amendment filed on 5/17/2004 is acknowledged. Claims 1, 16, 19, 20, 23, 44, 55-58 are amended. Claims 1, 16, 19, 21, 23, 44, 55-58 are pending and under consideration.

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office Action.

Claim Objections

Claim 1 is objected to because of the following informalities: the indefinite article "A" in line 1 should be "An". Claims 1 and 58 would be better if "said" or "the" is in front of the second "isolated peptide" in line 3 of the claims. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101, Withdrawn

The rejection of the claims under 35 USC 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter is withdrawn in view of the amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 1, 19, 21, 23, 44, 45, 53, and 58 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

Claims 1, 19, 21, 23, 44, 45, 53, and 58 are interpreted as drawn to MHC type 1 T cell epitope consisting of 9-10 contiguous amino acid residues from a human

Lactaherin (BA-46) sequence (claims 1, 19, 21, 23, 44, 45, 53) or Lactaherin (BA-46) in claim 58.

Applicant argues that this written description rejection is obviated by the amending claims to include "human" in front of Lactaherin (BA-46), and a human Lactaherin (BA-46) has been known in the art as disclosed in the specification as NCBI accession no. 1589428 at page 39, and Table 7.

The argument has been fully considered but found unpersuasive because applicant argument is not commensurate in scope of the claims. First, claim 58 is not amended but still drawn to Lactaherin (BA-46). Second, applicant argues with specific sequences in Table 7, and NCBI accession no. 1589428, and Larocca et al (1991). Applicant is reminded that claims 16, and 55-57 obtained from the sequence applicant now argues with are not rejected. The specification as originally filed does not limit a human Lactaherin (BA-46) sequence to NCBI accession no. 1589428. It appears that NCBI accession no. 1589428 is a species of a human Lactaherin (BA-46).

As stated before in the previous Office action, therefore, only the art known Lactaherin (BA-46) described at page 38, 3rd paragraph of the instant application i.e. NCBI accession no. 1589428, but not the full breadth of the claim meets the written description provision of 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Applicant is reminded that Vas-Cath makes clear that the written description provision of 35 U.S.C. §112 is separable from its enablement provision (see page 1115). A definition by function alone "does not suffice, to sufficiently describe a coding sequence "because it is only an

indication of what the gene does, rather than what it is." *Eli Lilly*, 119 F.3 at 1568, 43 USPQ2d at 1406.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 16, 55-57 allowed.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MISOOK YU, Ph.D. whose telephone number is 571-272-0839. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 A.M. to 5:30 P.M., every other Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey C Siew can be reached on 571-272-0787. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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